TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

FIRST SESSION, 1099.

Saturday, 7th June, 1924.

(*OFFICIAL REPORT.*)

The Council met again in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall, at Eleven Thirty-two of the Clock, with the President in the Chair.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

[*Order made by the President under Standing Order No. 12—*

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table 15 minutes before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner :—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in serial order, specify the serial number of his questions and make a sufficient pause to allow him a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place, if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Kadutturutti Primary School.

212. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*) : With reference to the Kadutturutti primary school, will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware that this school was formerly a middle school ;

(*b*) whether there were any particular reasons for reducing it to a primary school, and, if so, what those reasons are ;

(*c*) whether the Government are aware of the fact that the site was given to them on condition of a middle school being maintained there ;

(*d*) who is in possession of the funds, etc., collected by the students' association during the time when the school was a middle school ;

(*e*) whether the Government have passed any orders on the representation made in respect of this school and the students' association by the Ettumanur taluk member at the eighteenth session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly, and, if so, what the order passed is ;

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[Mr. R. Krishna Pillai.]

(*f*) whether Government have any objection to entrust the money collected by the students' association to some of the respectable people of the village on proper security for the purpose of completing the building; and

(*g*) whether Government are willing to release the site in favour of the owner if they are not prepared to raise the school to a middle school?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The low strength of the middle school classes.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The late Headmaster of the school was in possession of the funds collected by the students' association. The amount is reported to be Rs. 9-22-8. But the Headmaster went on a few days' sick leave and died; and the first assistant in charge referred the matter to the Assistant Inspector of Vernacular Schools. It is reported that the pay of the Headmaster amounting to Rs. 13 and odd has not been disbursed pending the disposal of this matter.

(*e*) The representation was recorded.

(*f*) Government have no objection.

(*g*) Specific proposals, if made, will be considered.

Auction Sale of certain Lands in Karunagapalli Taluk.

213. MR. C. RAMANKUNJU (*Nominated*): (*a*) Is it a fact that the lands in Survey No. 410/B of Karunagapalli *pakuthi* of the Karunagapalli taluk, applied for under G. O. Dis. No. 92/1922 Revenue, by some landless Arayans, were sold in auction?

(*b*) If so, will the Government be pleased to cancel the sale and order the distribution of the lands among the original landless applicants?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is a fact that the lands in Survey No. 410/B of the Karunagapalli *pakuthi* were applied for by some Arayans for use as house-sites. The Tahsildar found that these lands were unfit for that purpose and, therefore, ordered them to be put up to auction. One of the applicants has preferred an appeal before the Division Peishkar to set aside the sale; and further proceedings have been stayed pending the final disposal of that appeal.

MR. C. RAMANKUNJU (*Nominated*): Is it the Tahsildars or the applicants who are to decide whether the lands are suitable for their purposes?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Tahsildars are to decide whether lands are fit for house-sites or not.

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